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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 15, 2004, Applicant elects, without traverse, to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-16. Applicant respectfully cancels remaining claims 17 - 28 (Groups II and III) without prejudice or disclaimer, and reserves the right to prosecute them in divisional applications at a later date.

Enclosed for the Examiner's information is a copy of the International Search Report from International Application No. PCT/US02/32891.

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Respectfully submitted,

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